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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY UPDATE: COMMISSION RECEIVES 12 NOTICES OF INTENT FROM ACROSS THE STATE

Commission provides an update on first step in comprehensive application process

The Washington State Charter School Commission (Commission) has received a total of 12 Notices of Intent (NOI) to apply from organizations across the state. The organizations represent a broad swath of Washington State communities, and intend to submit applications for schools in the following communities:

	Name of School/Non-Profit	Proposed Location	Proposed Grades
1	Academy of Empowerment	Federal Way	TK-8
2	CAM Charter Schools	Battle Ground	K-12
3	Cascade Public Schools	South King County	9-12
4	Catalyst Public Schools	Bremerton	K-8
5	Fursan School	King County	K-5
6	Green Dot Destiny	Tacoma	K-8
7	Impact Public Schools Salish Sea Elementary	South Puget Sound	K-5
8	Whatcom Intergenerational High School	Whatcom County	9-12
9	The Whole Elephant Institute Inc.	Seattle	K-12
10	Tri Cities Learning Academy	Tri Cities	PK-12
11	Youth Empowerment School & Leadership Development	Seattle	9-12
12	Camino Journey LLC	Seattle	5-12

More information about the organizations, including a brief description of the mission and vision of the proposed schools, may be found on the [Commission's website](#) under Notices of Intent Received.

Of the 12, five have submitted applications previously: Academy of Empowerment, Green Dot, Fursan School, Impact Public Schools and Whatcom Intergenerational High School.

The Commission's Executive Director Joshua Halsey is pleased with the number of NOIs received and what it could mean for many students and families in Washington. "Receiving 12 NOIs is good news for Washington," said Halsey. "These NOIs represent interest from across the state, from the north, south, east and west, and this is really exciting."

The Commission welcomes the new and returning applicants in their efforts to demonstrate how they intend to improve educational outcomes for at risk students. The applicants can now look forward to completing comprehensive application that is due by March 1, 2019, as well as participating in a capacity interview in April, and attending a public forum in May. The Commission will vote on which applications to approve during its May 30, 2019 meeting at Technology Access Foundation, Bethaday Community Learning Space, Seattle, Washington.

About Washington State's Charter School Commission

Washington State's Charter School Commission was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process and to hold charters accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission is an independent state agency that exists to authorize and oversee high quality public charter schools throughout Washington with an emphasis on schools designed to expand opportunities for at-risk students, providing leadership and oversight that is consistent with national principles and standards of charter school authorizers and the provisions of Washington's charter school law. For more information, visit: <http://charterschool.wa.gov/>.

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